

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. WILBURN C.
ROWDEN

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Wilburn C. Rowden for his service to our country in the Army Air Corps during World War II. His service commenced on January 7, 1943 at Jefferson Barracks, and he went on to become a member of the 392nd Bomb Crew, serving as a radio operator on the B-17 Flying Fortress "Sleepy Time Gal".

During a mission over Berlin on March 8, 1944, the aircraft Mr. Rowden was serving on was damaged by enemy air fire. The crew was ordered to bail out, during which Mr. Rowden was wounded by gunfire. Following this, Mr. Rowden was taken prisoner by armed German Air Force troops. Mr. Rowden was held as a Prisoner of War in a German prison for 14 months.

On November 2, 1945, Mr. Rowden was honorably discharged with the rank of a Technical Sergeant in San Antonio, TX. Beginning in June 1947, he worked as a technician for the Missouri National Guard. He retired from the Missouri National Guard in April 1983 as Chief Warrant Officer, 4th grade, receiving a retirement certificate crediting him with 38 years of service to his country.

The medals, ribbons, and awards Mr. Rowden has received are numerous. He was awarded a Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Award, and Silver Start Patriotic Service Award—just to name a few. Mr. Rowden has been married to Launa for 68 years and they are residents of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Wilburn C. Rowden for his service to our country. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORLANDO UNION RESCUE MISSION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the 65th anniversary of the Orlando Union Rescue Mission, one of Orlando's oldest and largest homeless service providers. Since 1948, the Orlando Union Rescue Mission has provided both physically and spiritually for the homeless community of Central Florida.

The Orlando Union Rescue Mission programs meet the needs of homeless men, women and children. Those who seek refuge at the Mission are provided nutritious meals, safe shelter, and discipleship programs that equip them to lead fulfilling, self-sufficient

lives. In celebration of their 65th anniversary, the Orlando Union Rescue Mission is featuring 65 individuals who, upon successful completion of the Mission's programs, have been freed of the burdens of homelessness.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, it is a privilege to recognize the Orlando Union Rescue Mission for their exemplary compassion and generosity.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RUSTY KEEBLE FOUNDATION AND ITS GANGFREE AMERICA CAMPAIGN

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Rusty Keeble Foundation (RKF), which is dedicated to increasing gang awareness and reducing gang violence around the country. The RKF has launched an initiative entitled the GANGFREE America Campaign, which seeks to raise awareness by recognizing November as GANGFREE Illinois Month. This innovative initiative is aimed at fostering safe environments in communities across Illinois, including in Peoria, so that the children in those communities can continue to grow, learn, and reach their full potential free from the negative influences of gangs.

Gang violence has been a blight on our communities for far too long. Currently, more than 1.4 million young people are involved with gangs, up 40 percent since 2009. In many areas across the United States, gang violence accounts for almost 50 percent of all violent crimes, and in some cities and suburban areas, that percentage is even higher.

These staggering statistics are one representation of the effect of gangs on our communities and country, but the more potent manifestation of these numbers is the lost potential of the young people who get involved. Across our country, too many young men and women are seeing their future possibilities narrow into one act of violence, one drug deal, one prison term, after another.

Initiatives like the GANGFREE America Campaign are taking the steps needed to correct our nation's gang-related problems and working to ensure brighter futures for our youth. The GANGFREE America Campaign's community-focused approach employs schools as well as law enforcement to unify and empower citizens against the formation and spread of gangs in towns and cities across Illinois as well as the entire country. It is my hope that with the help of organizations like the Rusty Keeble Foundation, we can eradicate the gang epidemic in the United States, and I am honored to rise today to recognize their courageous efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE WARREN J. BAKER CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the dedication of the Warren J. Baker Center for Science and Mathematics in honor of my dear friend President Emeritus Warren J. Baker.

The dedication of the Warren J. Baker Center for Science and Mathematics is a testimony to President Baker's legacy and tireless work on behalf of STEM education for over 30 years at Cal Poly. Under his leadership, several of Cal Poly's programs have become known as some of the best in the country including engineering, architecture and agriculture. His outstanding service to the students and vision for the campus will be felt for decades to come through the work of the Baker Center.

The Center's location in the heart of the campus symbolizes the role of mathematics and science at the nexus of Cal Poly's curriculum. The state-of-the-art center will exemplify the University's "Learn by Doing" educational philosophy by providing an environment that inspires innovation, collaboration and practical application. Not only will the center enhance the education of countless students that will pass through its doors, but our community will owe a great debt of gratitude for providing a strong workforce for the future. Simply put, the Baker Center will transform the way science and mathematics are taught and will no doubt play a prominent role in many promising academic careers for years to come.

RECOGNIZING JOHN "JACK" HESS, Ph.D.

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today honoring John "Jack" Hess, Ph.D. for receiving the Longs Peak Council Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. His academic and professional contributions to the field of geology should serve as an example to all Americans of how one's career can serve and improve his or her community.

A former Eagle Scout, Jack has served as a Congressional Science Fellow for Senator HARRY REID and currently serves as a member of the United States Commission for UNESCO, the United States National Committee for Geological Sciences, and the Science Committee for the National Natural Landmarks Program. In 2000, Jack was bestowed the Silver Antelope Award, the highest award the western region can provide.

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Since his arrival in Colorado in 2001, Jack has served on the Board of Directors and as a chair for the Longs Peak Council. As the representative of Colorado's second congressional district, home to incredible geological structures such as The Flatirons, I am honored to recognize Jack for his vast contribution to this country and my district.

**SUPPORTING NATIONAL DAY OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

HON. JIM BRIDENSTINE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. BRIDENSTINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the upcoming National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan); an important day which led to the establishment of the Republic of China in 1912.

Taiwan and the United States have been good friends and strong security and economic partners for many years. Both countries believe that Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law are critical to maintaining a flourishing society.

Taiwan is not only an economic player in the Pacific, it also plays an important role in the U.S. economy. In 2012, Taiwan was the 11th largest U.S. trading partner and it's the 7th largest market for U.S. agricultural products. In light of this, I encourage the Administration to solidify a bilateral investment agreement with Taiwan, as it would boost both trade and investments for both parties.

Taiwan is a vital part of the Asian economy and an APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) member. I would like to see Taiwan joining the Trans Pacific Partnership as soon as possible. I encourage my colleagues to support Taiwan in their efforts to join the TPP.

**RECOGNIZING BETHANY CHRISTIAN
SERVICES OF WINTER GARDEN,
FLORIDA**

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize Bethany Christian Services of Winter Garden, Florida. Bethany Christian Services is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to caring for orphans and vulnerable children.

Founded in 1944, Bethany Christian Services is the largest adoption agency in the United States serving in over a hundred offices in more than thirty states. Their mission is to demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting and enhancing the lives of children and families worldwide. In striving toward a world where every child has a loving family and support system, Bethany Christian Services provides programs and services to families and vulnerable children of all ages including, adoption, foster care, refugee assistance, family support and preservation, sponsorships and counseling.

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting with Cheri Williams and Taniya Lall Jimenez from Bethany Christian Services of Winter Garden,

Florida. Their spirit of dedication, commitment and leadership to children and families is to be commended. Bethany Christian Services is a shining example of the fruits of selflessness demonstrated by those who devote themselves to our future generations by investing in lives of families and children in Central Florida. I was pleased to recognize and honor them with the 2013 Angels in Adoption award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

The community and families of Central Florida are blessed to have a prominent leader in social services such as Bethany Christian Services. I commend them for their compassion and services to children and families worldwide. May their investment in social services inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

**COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE FLORIDA SEA-
FOOD FESTIVAL**

HON. STEVE SOUTHERLAND II

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. SOUTHERLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the people of Franklin County, Florida, who are celebrating the 50th annual Florida Seafood Festival, a two-day event that draws tens of thousands of visitors to the historic city of Apalachicola.

First held in 1914, the Florida Seafood Festival did not become an annual tradition until 1963. This non-profit, volunteer-driven event celebrates not only the finest seafood in America, but also the dedicated men and women of the seafood industry who serve as the backbone of Franklin County's economy and rich history.

This year's milestone celebration comes at a time of both economic and ecological hardship for Franklin County's oyster industry. However, with all challenges come new opportunities, and I am confident this close-knit community will persevere in the face of adversity as it has time and again.

In closing, I congratulate the people of Franklin County for hosting the 2013 Florida Seafood Festival and expect a tremendous turnout that reflects the support we all have for North Florida's seafood industry and the people of Franklin County.

**HONORING BISHOP THOMAS
LANIER HOYT, JR.**

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Bishop Thomas Lanier Hoyt, Jr., the 48th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church and presiding prelate of the seventh Episcopal district who recently passed away. While I am deeply saddened by his passing, I know his legacy will live through his message of faith and his dedication to his ministry.

Bishop Hoyt, a native son of Alabama, was installed as the senior CME bishop on June

30, 2010. His journey in leadership with the denomination began in 1994 when he was first elected to the Episcopacy. Throughout his tenure he took on countless leadership roles in the denomination. He pastored several CME churches in New York and North Carolina during the course of his career and until his death, Bishop Hoyt remained at the forefront of the CME church's efforts to change lives throughout the Nation.

Bishop Hoyt was also an accomplished theological scholar. He earned various degrees including a Ph.D. from Duke University and a Doctor of Divinity from Trinity College. Bishop Hoyt was a professor of theology for more than 25 years. His academic career included stints at the Interdenominational Theological Center, The School of Religion at Howard University and Hartford Seminary. His best known lectures were the Lyman Beecher Lectures at the Yale Divinity School in 1993.

Bishop Hoyt furthered his academic pursuits through extensive research and writing. He wrote and published more than 40 articles for professional journals and publications throughout his lifetime. He also co-authored and partnered with other scholars to publish various books including "Stony the Road we Trod: An African-American Biblical Interpretation."

As a result of his extraordinary accomplishments, Bishop Hoyt received numerous awards and honors which included a visit to Pope John Paul II with a delegation from the National Council of Churches. He also served as a delegate to the World Council of Churches in Porto, Alegre, Brazil and as the CME representative at the World Council of Churches meeting on Faith and Order in Spain.

On behalf of my home state of Alabama, and a grateful Nation, I am honored to pay tribute to Bishop Hoyt. This extraordinary Man of God was indeed a good and faithful servant. His life was a perfect illustration of his passion for ministry and leadership. Through the years, he was guided by his faith and his commitment to the CME church and we are indeed grateful for all that he has left us. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Bishop Thomas Lanier Hoyt, Jr.

**HONORING THE LATE JOHN F.
KUFFNER, OHIO VETERANS HALL
OF FAME INDUCTEE**

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame will hold a ceremony in Columbus next week to mark the induction of its 2013 class. I am honored to commend to the House one of these inductees: the late John F. "Jack" Kuffner of St. Marys, who served as an aerographer in the United States Navy from 1946 to 1948.

An attorney for more than a half century, Mr. Kuffner served the people of Auglaize County as assistant prosecuting attorney and later as prosecuting attorney. He was subsequently elected to the Auglaize County Common Pleas Court, receiving the Ohio Supreme Court's Award for Superior Judicial Service. Judge Kuffner was past president of the Auglaize County Bar Association, an honorary